

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN CHIROPRACTIC MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

5 AUGUST 2010

A meeting of the Board of Chiropractic Physicians was held on the above date in the RI Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 104, Providence, Rhode Island.

A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:45am.

Board members in attendance

Donald Murphy, DC

Paul Miele, DC

Ronald Marsh, DC

Louis Marciano, M.Ed.

Robert Ricci, Ph.D.

Staff members in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator

Charles Alexandre, Ph.d, Chief, Professional Regulation

Catherine Cordy, Chief, Pharmacy Board

Gregory Madoian, Legal Counsel

Michael Downey, Legal Intern

After review of the open minutes of the 10 June 2010 meeting, upon motion of Dr. Marsh, seconded by Dr. Ricci, it was unanimously voted by the Board to approve the minutes as presented.

The Administrator advised that the following candidates had been licensed since the last meeting:

Misty B. Dosciusko, DC

Megan Silvia, DC

Ryan A. Casagrande, DC

At this time, Ms. Cordy and Dr. Alexandre joined the meeting to discuss prescriptive privileges for chiropractors. Dr. Murphy presented an overview of the national trend toward advanced practice certification for chiropractors and prescriptive privileges. He

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provided members with sample Program Syllabi for Pharmacology Courses After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Alexandre advised that the Department is limited in the number of bills it presents and as a rule does not propose legislation pertaining to the expansion of scopes of practice. He advised such legislation would be best introduced by

the RI Chiropractic Association.

Dr. Marsh, a practitioner of “straight chiropractic” expressed concern in that the foundation of chiropractic medicine is based upon the osteopathic philosophy of the body’s ability to heal itself without surgery or medicine and the enactment of such legislation would be contrary to the practice of straight chiropractic. In the event such legislation is enacted, he is of the opinion that a specialty license, apart from the chiropractic license, should be created. He stated there are many other chiropractors that share his opinion.. Dr. Murphy advised that statistics demonstrate that only 17 percent of licensed chiropractors practice straight chiropractic medicine.

Mr. Marciano stated he did not feel the Board had enough information regarding the subject to support such legislation. The Administrator assured him that the Board is only in the fact gathering phase and a final vote to determine the Board’s position would be taken at a later date. Mr. Marciano was provided with additional information to review.

Upon motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Ricci, it was unanimously voted to have Dr. Murphy contact the leadership of the RI Chiropractic Society to determine its willingness to introduce and support such legislation. Dr. Murphy also will arrange to have the Society send a survey to its members in order to determine what the support for this legislation would be among its membership.

Dr. Murphy will provide the Administrator with a draft of the proposed survey. The Administrator will e-mail the draft to Board members for approval prior to it being sent to the RI Chiropractic Society.

Upon motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Dr. Miele, the Board voted unanimously to enter into “Executive Session” at 9:05 a.m.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:20 am.

The Chairman advised the following decision was ratified during “Closed Executive Session:

DC 04-10 Closed No Unprofessional Conduct

There were no other decisions ratified nor business discussed during “Closed Executive Session” to be disclosed in open session.

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Dr. Murphy called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 10 June 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Marciano, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the

minutes of that meeting.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on October 21, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.in the RI Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 104, Providence, RI 02908..

Upon motion of Dr. Miele, seconded by Dr. Marsh, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator
RI Board of Chiropractic Physicians**